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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-9,11-15,18-23 and 25-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-9,11-15,18-23 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Please include the new Art Unit 2616 in the caption or heading of any written or facsimile communication submitted after this Office Action because the Examiner, who was assigned to Art nit 2615, will be assigned to new Art Unit 2616. Your cooperation in this matter will assist in the timely processing of the submission and is appreciated by the Office.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 29, 2004 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, 18-23, and 25-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, 18-23, and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tateyama et al (US 2003/0158979 A1).

Regarding claim 1, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed an image recording system (Figs. 65-70) comprising:

(a) an image recording device (memory 23, print-head 24 and driver 25 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0441) provided in a first location for recording an image based on image information;

(b) a first controller (printer controller 26 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0441) provided in the first location for controlling the image recording device;

(c) a memory (frame memory 13 or memory 15 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraphs #0440 and #0447) provided in a second location apart from the first location for storing the image information;

(d) a second controller (system controller 9 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0440) provided in the second location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network (1394 serial bus interface I/F of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraphs #0440 and #0441), for controlling the memory,

wherein the first controller sends a reading command signal to the second controller to read the image information stored in the memory, and to transmit the read information to the first controller through the communication network, and automatically controls the image recording device so that the image based on the image information

transmitted from the second controller is recorded (pages 22 and 23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466).

Regarding claim 4, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller sends the reading command signal to the second controller at a prescribed interval (print cycle disclosed in (pages 22 and 23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466).

Regarding claim 5, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller generates information indicating that image recording of the image information has been completed based on the completion information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 6, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the completion information is identification information corresponding to image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 7, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller adds second completion information indicating completion of image recording to the image information based on the first completion information (pages 23, paragraphs #0467 and #0468).

Regarding claim 8, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first completion information is identification information corresponding to the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 9, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed an image recording system (Figs. 65-70) comprising:

(a) an image recording device (memory 23, print-head 24 and driver 25 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0441) provided in a first location for recording an image based on image information;

(b) a first controller (printer controller 26 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0441) provided in the first location for controlling the image recording device;

(c) a memory (frame memory 13 or memory 15 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraphs #0440 and #0447) provided in a second location apart from the first location for storing the image information;

(d) a second controller (system controller 9 of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraph #0440) provided in the second location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network (1394 serial bus interface I/F of Fig. 69, page 21, paragraphs #0440 and #0441), for controlling the memory,

wherein the first controller sends a reading command signal to the second controller to read the image information stored in the memory, and to transmit the read information to the first controller through the communication network (pages 22 and 23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466), and

wherein the second controller includes a device for adding priority order information for image recording to each image information stored in the memory, reads the image information to which the priority order information is added, output of the memory, and transmits the image information to the first controller (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467), and

wherein the first controller receives the image information transmitted from the second controller, and automatically controls the image recording device so that the image based on the image information is recorded, based on priority order information (pages 22 and 23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466).

Regarding claim 11, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the image recording of the image information, and the second controller generates information indicating that image recording of the image information has been completed based on the completion information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 12, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the information of the completion is identification information corresponding to the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 13, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller sends completion information which indicates the image recording of the image information has been completed to the second controller, after completion of the

image recording of the image information, and the second controller adds second completion information indicating completion of image recording to the image information based on the first completion information (pages 23, paragraphs #0467 and #0468).

Regarding claim 14, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first completion information is identification information corresponding to the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 15, Tateyama et al discloses an image recording method (Figs. 65-70) comprising steps of:

 sending a read command signal for reading image information from a first controller provided in a first location to a second controller provided in a second location apart from the first location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, the image information being stored in a memory provided in the second location controlled by the second controller (see the rejection of claim 1 above, Figs. 65-70 and pages 22-23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466);

 making the second controller to read the image information out of the memory based on the read command signal, after the second controller has received the reading command signal (page 23, paragraph #0466);

 making the second controller to transmit the image information read out of the memory to the first controller through the communication network (page 23, paragraph #0466); and

making the first controller to receive the image information and causing an image recording device to record an image based on the image information, wherein the image recording device is automatically controlled by the first controller (page 23, paragraph #0466).

Regarding claim 18, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first controller is adapted to send the reading command signal to the second controller at a prescribed interval (print cycle disclosed in (pages 22 and 23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466).

Regarding claim 19, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed sending from the first controller to the second controller the completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467); and

making the second controller to generate information showing that image recording of the image information has been completed, based on the completion information (receiving the completion of the print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 20, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 21, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed sending from the first controller to the second controller first completion information which indicates that

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image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467); and

making the second controller to add to the image information, second completion information showing that the image recording has been completed, based on the first completion information (asynchronous transfer or isochronous transfer disclosed in pages 23, paragraph #0468).

Regarding claim 22, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 23, Tateyama et al discloses an image recording method (Figs. 65-70) comprising steps of:

sending a read command signal for reading image information from a first controller provided in a first location to a second controller provided in a second location apart from the first location, which is connected to the first controller through a communication network, the image information being stored in a memory provided in the second location controlled by the second controller (see the rejection of claim 1 above, Figs. 65-70 and pages 22-23, paragraphs #0465 and #0466);

making the second controller add priority order information for image recording to each image information stored in the memory (4 bits PRIORITY shown in Fig. 13);

making the second controller to read the image information to which priority order information has been added out of the memory (4 bits PRIORITY shown in Fig. 13 and page 23, paragraph #0467);

making the second controller to transmit the image information to which the priority order information is added, read out of the memory to the first controller (4 bits PRIORITY shown in Fig. 13 and page 23, paragraph #0467); and

making the first controller which has receive the image information to which the priority order information is added, send from the second controller to automatically cause an image recording device provided in the first location and controlled by the first controller to record an image based on the image information, based on priority order information (page 23, paragraphs #0466 and #0467).

Regarding claim 25, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed sending from the first controller to the second controller the completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467); and

making the second controller to generate information showing that image recording of the image information has been completed, based on the completion information (receiving the completion of the print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 26, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

Regarding claim 27, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed sending from the first controller to the second controller first completion information which indicates that image recording of the image information has been completed, after completion of the image recording of the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467); and

making the second controller to add to the image information, second completion information showing that image recording has been completed, based on the first completion information (asynchronous transfer or isochronous transfer disclosed in pages 23, paragraph #0468).

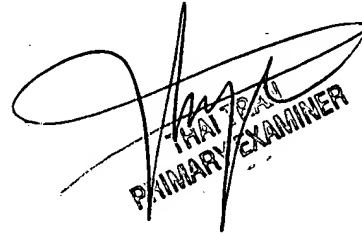
Regarding claim 28, Tateyama et al discloses the claimed wherein the first completion information is adapted to be identification information corresponding to the image information (completion of a print cycle disclosed in page 23, paragraph #0467).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-4725. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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